

VE DAY PROJECT

This project is for the next two weeks and aims to provide opportunities for you to learn more about Wartime and VE Day. Choose a couple of activities a day to explore. Be creative about how you present your work. **Then host your own 'stay at home, socially distanced street party' on Friday – Be sure to send me lots of pictures!!**



'Stay At Home' Street Party

Read this article on [Newsround](#) and look closely at the photographs. **How did people celebrate in 1945? Plan your own 'stay at home' street party.**

What games could be played? What decorations would be put up? What food would be eaten? Who would be there? Is there anyone in your family who went to a VE Day party you could speak to?

For something more simple, you could design your own **VE Day party invitation** to encourage your neighbours to join in, or create your own **Union Jack flag bunting** or make a Union Jack flag out of Lego!

Understanding World War Two/VE Day

On 8th May 1945, Britain celebrated the end of World War Two. To understand why VE Day was so important, you need to understand WW2. Visit these sites to help in your research:

[Primary Homework Help - WW2](#)

[A Brief Overview of World War II](#) – Video

[BBC Teach - VE Day](#)

[What Is VE Day?](#)

Can you create a timeline of important events leading up to VE Day?

Can you complete the quiz about the battle of Britain on purplemash?

Can you complete the newspaper report on purplemash for VE day?

Wartime Recipes

With one rationed egg and a packet of powdered milk in the larder, World War II's home cooks had to be creative. Find out what families were eating over 75 years ago.

Create some delicious meals using the recipe booklets below. You could serve them at your 'Stay at Home Street Party!'

[Wartime Recipe Booklet](#)

[Wartime Ration Recipes](#)

[WW2 Cake](#)

[Wartime Scones](#)

[Jam Tarts](#)



A purplemash recipe task template has been set for you to create one- or do it in your book.

Crack The Codes

A	Alfa	N	November
B	Bravo	O	Oscar
C	Charlie	P	Papa
D	Delta	Q	Quebec
E	Echo	R	Romeo
F	Foxtrot	S	Sierra
G	Golf	T	Tango
H	Hotel	U	Uniform
I	India	V	Victor
J	Juliett	W	Whisky
K	Kilo	X	X-ray
L	Lima	Y	Yankee
M	Mike	Z	Zulu

Phonetic Alphabet

The phonetic alphabet that was used in RAF transmissions during the war. Learn to spell your name using the phonetic alphabet e.g.

Ted = Tango Echo Delta

Morse Code

Morse code is a communication system that represents the alphabet and numbers with a

series of dots, dashes or a combination of both as shown [here](#).

Watch this video to find out more about [Morse Code](#).

Can you write a secret coded message for your family to crack?



VE Day Songs

Try and learn the Horrible Histories [VE Day song](#) and perform it to your family.

Create your own motivational song. Listen to some of the following clips for inspiration. Click [here](#) to listen to some more traditional war time songs as well as the links below.

[Wartime song lyrics](#)

[Run, rabbit, run!](#)

[Long way to Tipperary/ Pack up your troubles](#)

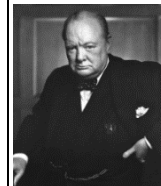
[We'll meet again](#)

[The White Cliffs of Dover](#)

Learn [step-by-step](#) how to Swing dance (The Lindy Hop) which originated in the late 1920s and early 1930s in Harlem, New York City.

Can you write your own poem/rap/song about the BLITZ on purplemash?

Winston Churchill



Who was Winston Churchill? Why do we remember him today? **Produce a fact file/ poster displaying your information.**

Create a mind map or list of facts about Winston Churchill.

What was his job?

Why was he so important during WW2?

What was one of his famous phrases?






Can you describe his characteristics?

Why he was important?

You can read more about Churchill using these links from [Twinkl](#) and [Ducksters](#). You may present this information in any way you choose or use this [template](#).

What would Winston Churchill say- use the purplemash task to complete his speech!

CHALLENGE: Can you learn Winston Churchill's [Victory speech](#) and record yourself presenting it?

<p><u>Make, Do and Mend</u></p> <p>During WW2, there was a shortage of materials to make clothes. People were urged to "Make, do and mend".</p> <p>Do you have any clothes or accessories that you could 'upcycle' into new clothing or something completely different to give it another purpose and a new lease of life?</p> 	<p><u>Europe during the Second World War</u></p> <p>Colour in the countries on the map (here) according to whether they were Allies, Axis, Axis controlled or Neutral.</p> <p>You could print the map from Twinkl (code UKTWINKLHELPS) or create a list.</p> <p>NatGeo Kids - WW2 History</p>	<p><u>Spitfire Science</u></p> <p>Design and make your own Spitfire. You could make it out of paper, wood, recycled materials, etc. Test out your design. How far does it glide?</p> <p>Does the material used for a paper plane affect the distance it travels? Try using newspaper, card, tinfoil, etc and carry out a test. Remember, only change ONE thing to make it a fair test.</p> <p>Can you design the spitfire on purplemash?</p> 
<p><u>Postcard task</u></p> <p>Write a 'Postcard from the Past'. Imagine you were at the first VE day and heard the news that the war had ended. What might you tell your family about what you heard? What did you do? What did you eat? Who else was there? What games did you play? What decorations were made and hung up? Use the link below find out more about VE Day https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ve-day-How-did-the-british-plan-to-celebrate/zndn7nb</p> <p>A purplemash postcard template has been set or do it in your book.</p> <p>Can you also write a postcard as an evacuee using the purplemash 2do- think about how they might be feeling.</p>	<p><u>Flag task</u></p> <p>During World War Two, countries that were part of the British Empire fought alongside the British. Some of these countries were: Canada, USA, Bermuda, Jamaica, The Bahamas, Australia, New Zealand, Kenya, Mauritius, Seychelles, Trinidad and Tobago, India and Cyprus.</p>  <p>Find and draw the flags for these countries.</p> <p>Can you find other countries that fought alongside the British in WW2 and find and their flags too?</p>	<p><u>Design your own VE coin or medal</u></p> <p>8 May 1945, now known as VE Day, saw the beginning of the end of the Second World War – the conflict that claimed the lives of millions and reshaped the future of countries and continents. The Royal Mint have designed a commemorative coin to remember VE Day. Your task is to design your own commemorative coin or a VE Day medal. You could think about the following ideas when designing yours: the years of the war; the colours of the ally flags or a reference to how the war was fought (land, air and sea).</p> <p>Can you also design a poppy on purplemash?</p>  
<p><u>Spelling</u></p> <p>Practise your spellings on spelling shed every day!</p> <p>Can you make a list of new topic words and find out their meanings?</p>	<p><u>Reading</u></p> <p>Read for 15 minutes every day- this could be with magazines, newspapers or books.</p> <p>Complete the reading 2dos on purplemash about the Blitz dog- do one chapter and a quiz each day.</p>	<p><u>Arithmetic</u></p> <p>Practise your arithmetic every day using the TOPMARKS test or the 10 in 10.</p> <p>Complete the MTC on purplemash.</p>